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March 5, 2001 LB 303, 303A, 505

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to advance LB 303 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item?

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 303A, no E & R, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, for a motion.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Move the advancement of LB 303A to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to advance LB 303A to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk. We are through with Select File. Mr. Clerk, special order General File.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next item on the agenda is LB 505, introduced by Senator Engel. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time on January 11, referred to the Appropriations Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Engel, to open on LB 505.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 505 was heard on February 5 in front of the Appropriations Committee, and unanimously advanced. LB 505 appropriates \$900,000 from Cash Fund for development of a resource and education complex at Ponca State Park which is in northeast Nebraska. This bill involves no new General Funds. The money will come out of the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Fund, commonly known as NORDA, which is money earmarked for state park development use. This is an early deficit request and it is important to expedite this bill through the legislative process for two reasons. First, the federal government is committed to contributing nearly \$4.9 million to this project, and this project would not be possible if it was not planned until the National Park Service and the Army Corps of Engineers offered to provide funding for development of the park. If we don't take advantage of the